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Major General R. L. Bohannon  
The Surgeon General of the Air Force  
Room 2718, Building T-8  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Bohannon:

Initially, I would like to express our warmest congratulations on your recent nomination as Surgeon General of the Air Force. It is gratifying to know that someone of your background and professional skill will be not only directing the destinies of those activities within the Air Force, but interested as well in activities where Air Force and this Agency are jointly involved.

The purpose of my communication today is to express to you this Agency's interest and concern for the future military status of [redacted] USAF(MC), presently detailed to us in a professional capacity in connection with a Project of the highest national interest with which you are familiar. I have personally been briefed, both by [redacted] and Don Flickinger, on the intricacies of the former's relationship to the Air Force, highlighted by the prospect that if he remains in his present status as a reservist, he faces probable release from the Service in early 1966. I must admit that I have not heard a story that is any more complicated than that connected with [redacted] changing status in the Air Force, and I am certain that you are sympathetic to the difficulties which he faces in obtaining any adjustment of his present rather unenviable situation.

It would be our hope, based upon the excellent performance of [redacted] in his present assignment and the potential which we as an Agency feel he represents for the future of Air Force medicine, that you would be moved to afford him a regular commission with an adjusted promotion list service date, even though this would involve establishing a precedent.

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I understand from [redacted] that you have consented to have his situation staffed to you with a recommendation, and I would hope, as I have said, that you would favor his continued association with the United States Air Force. I should like to thank you, therefore, in advance for any consideration which you feel you could afford him in this matter, and you can feel confident that we have every faith that your judgment will be the proper one.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Assistant Director  
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Gen. Flickinger

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